
JANUARY 26, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

A Bill,

To allow the importation of old copper free of duty.

1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in congress assembled,* That from
3 and after the day of March next, no duty shall be
4 demanded or collected on the importation of old copper, which term
5 shall apply only to such copper manufactures as have been worn
6 out, or otherwise so damaged as to be unfit for any other pur-
7 pose than that of supplying a raw material, to be manufactured
8 anew. And it shall be lawful for the collector of the port or dis-
9 trict in which such old copper shall arrive, should any doubt arise
10 whether such importation comes within the intent and mean-
11 ing of this act, to appoint one person, and the owner, importer or
12 consignee to appoint another, who shall ascertain whether the
13 copper imported comes under the denomination of old copper, as
14 above described; and the proceedings in this instance shall be con-
15 ducted in the like manner and form as the proceedings are direct-
16 ed to be had by the fifty-second section of the act passed the 2d
17 of March, 1799, regulating the collection of duties on imports and
18 tonnage, in cases of incomplete entry, or of damage sustained by
19 goods, wares and merchandise during the voyage.